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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
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Re: Office of Regulatory Staff Petition to Review FCC Mandated
Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs
Docket No. 2012-136-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find attached for filing a Petition to Intervene on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition in the above referenced matter.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
Docket No. 2012-136-C

In Re: Office of Regulatory Staff Petition to)	
Review FCC Mandated Reductions to)	PETITION TO
Intrastate Access Tariffs)	INTERVENE
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The South Carolina Telephone Coalition, on behalf of itself and its individual member companies (see list attached hereto as Attachment A) ("SCTC"), submits the within Petition to Intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission the following:

1. SCTC is a coalition of local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission").

2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record insofar as its interests might appear.

3. SCTC member companies are facilities-based incumbent local exchange companies. As such, they assess intrastate access charges on other carriers who use SCTC member companies' networks. Additionally, SCTC companies are required to pay access charges assessed upon them by other carriers for the use of those other carriers' networks. SCTC companies, therefore, have a direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of this proceeding and will be affected by its outcome. While SCTC has not fully developed a position at this time, SCTC's position is that its

participation in this proceeding is necessary to protect its interests and will aid the Commission in a full and fair consideration and resolution of the matter.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear, and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telephone Coalition

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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.
Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista Communications
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.
Home Telephone Company, Inc.
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications
Lockhart Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista Communications
McClellanville Telephone Company
Norway Telephone Company
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PBT Telecom d/b/a Comporium Communications
Ridgeway Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista Communications
Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
St. Stephen Telephone Company
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company

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**CERTIFICATE
OF SERVICE**

I, Rebecca W. Martin, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached Petition to Intervene upon the following parties causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and properly affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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